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Bellefont Water Company
P.O. Box 31176
Flagstaff, AZ 86003
Docket # W-02526A-07

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Arizona Corporation Commission
Utilities Division
Accounting and Rates Section
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

W-02526A-07-0170

To Whom It May Concern:

The Bellefont Water Company, Inc. is in an emergency water situation. Our only source of water is two wells. Both wells are not recovering at all. The pumps come on for approximately 1 minute and then start sucking air. We used to be able to buy water from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad wells adjacent to us. But they have sold their wells to Randy's Water Hauling. We drilled two dry holes last week. (120Ft & 360Ft) We have had to haul water in from Flagstaff using Larry Wright's Water Hauling. (See invoices attached.) The cost is \$ 25 per 1000 gallons. Our tariff is for \$ 2.79 per 1000 gallons. Our largest customer, (SCA) has agreed to have their own water hauled in if we cannot supply their needs. They usually take water in batches of 20,000 gallons at a time and store it in their tanks. It seems that we need to haul in 20,000 gallons every 12 days or 50,000 gallons per month. Our current expenses are about \$ 4,000 per month without hauling water in. So we need to recoup about \$ 5,250 per month. We are planning to have the one deeper well cleaned out. The best way to recoup the cost of hauling water would be to be able to add a surcharge at \$.03 per thousand. The cost of operation seems to be \$.105 per thousand. Attached are the bids on repairs and for drilling a deep well. Also enclosed is a letter detailing such repairs. This company is on the verge of bankruptcy.

We would like to request that one of your engineers come up and help us develop a master plan. There are subdivisions and talk of a casino that want to go in, but need approval by the fire department. We were told that Marlin Scott or one of the other engineers would be available without cost to us.

If you have questions, please call me at (928) 779-5726

Sincerely,

Rodney C. Wilson

Arizona Corporation Commission

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ORDER INFO	customer's order no.	phone	date 2-7-07	
	name Belmont Water CO			
	address Belmont			
	city, state, zip Belmont		LARRY WRIGHT'S WATER HAULING	
			6420 TOWNSEND WINONA ROAD FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86004 928-526-9373	
sold by		cash <input type="checkbox"/>	charge <input type="checkbox"/>	shipping information
		c.o.d. <input type="checkbox"/>	on acct. <input type="checkbox"/>	
1	2000 GAL WATER		2-7-07	500.00
2	2000 " "		1-26-07	500.00
3	2000 " "		1-13-07	500.00
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5	total			1500.00
6	PLEASE PUT INVOICE NUMBER ON CHECKS			
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Thank you

Please Pay Immediately To Avoid Late Charges

Expense	Nov 06	Dec 06	Total
401 Operating Expenses	400.91	209.57	610.48
615 Purchased Power	541.13	542.86	1,083.99
620 Materials & Supplies	2,120.22	1,124.30	3,244.56
631 Contract Svc-Professional	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
635 Contract Svc-Testing	175.00	0.00	175.00
636 Contract Svc-Other	0.00	1,354.02	1,354.02
650 Transportation Expenses	332.41	549.22	881.63
655 Insurance Expenses	130.91	0.00	130.91
665 Regulatory Commiss. Expenses	164.00	0.00	164.00
Total Expense	4,864.58	3,780.03	8,644.61

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Phone/Fax #928-714-9262

February 19, 2007

Attn: Arizona Corporation Commission Utility Division/Docket Control

RE: Emergency Rate Increase

To Whom it May Concern:

The Bellemont Water Company is in an emergency water situation because our current well has quit producing the water it needs to supply our metered customers. We are requesting an emergency rate increase so that we can cover the costs of cleaning out our existing well, fix the pumps in our pump house, and possibly begin drilling the deep well that we need to satisfy the water demands of our growing industrial park.

Cleaning out the existing well is going to be involved. There is a small building surrounding the well that has to be removed so that the proper equipment can reach where the problem may be. Within this building is a variety of electrical wires that need to be disconnected, and equipment that has to be removed. This all takes time. Not to mention that we are held responsible for all lost or damaged tools. After the clean out, the building has to be replaced. We have been advised that the water still may not be recovered after the clean out, but at this point in time we have no other choice. Currently we have had to haul water into our system to supply our metered customers. The money needed to do this has come out of our own pockets.

Regarding the pumps in the house: electric motor #2, which is a 20hp, needs to be rebuilt or replaced. Pump #3, which is a 7.5 in. impeller, needs to be rebuilt or replaced. Pump #4 will not turn on automatically as it should.

Although we only have six metered customers to date, we have received information from the owners of the property in our certificated area in regards to building other businesses. Because we are now considered to be in a fire district, the new prospective businesses are required to prove that Bellemont Water Company can supply the adequate fire flow in the event of a fire. Our area is changing. The "shallow" wells that were once sufficient are being drained by area growth. This has dramatically affected the Bellemont Water Company. Even in

the event that we do have our existing well cleaned out, it will only serve as a band-aid because of the fact that it will not produce the water needed for growth in the area. We have almost been guaranteed that in the event we do drill the deep well needed, a more than sufficient water supply will be reached.

We are requesting that the price per thousand be increased to _____. The requested dollar amount is _____. This amount can be recovered by the opening of our standpipes along with the metered customers. The demand for Bellemont Water is very high because of our location, and our friendly service. I receive phone calls from new prospective customers on a daily basis.

Thank you for your consideration and are looking forward to your prompt response for our dire situation.

Sincerely,

Klaudia Ness, Secretary

Flagstaff Well & Supply Co.

4301 E. Huntington
Flagstaff, AZ 86004
928-774-8243

DATE

2/22/2007

Estimate

NAME / ADDRESS

Bellemont Water Co.
PO Box 31176
Flagstaff, AZ 86003

DESCRIPTION	COST	TOTAL
Estimate for drilling deep well at Bellemont. Est. depth - 2100 ft.		
WELL:		
Drilling 450 ft. of 16" dia. hole	100.00	45,000.00
Installing 450 ft. of 12" dia. .250 wall steel casing	38.00	17,100.00
Drilling 1650 ft. of 10" dia. hole (from 450 to 2100 ft.)	46.00	75,900.00
Installing 2100 ft. of 8" dia. .250 wall steel casing	28.00	58,800.00
300 ft. of casing perforation charge (est.)	15.00	4,500.00
Neat Cement for grouting surface casing	3,500.00	3,500.00
Casing Shoe	1,100.00	1,100.00
12 Hrs. Rig Time - Bail and Develop	200.00	2,400.00
Chlorinate well	1,800.00	1,800.00
Total for well		210,100.00
PUMPING EQUIPMENT:		
85S500-39 Submersible Pump w/50HP 575V 3PH Motor	20,197.00	20,197.00
2000 ft. of 3-1/2" 8-round EUE Tubing	16.00	32,000.00
2000 ft. of #1/0-4 Pump Cable	14.12	28,240.00
Baker Monitor Pitless Adapter	4,500.00	4,500.00
4 - 8-round EUE Check Valves	1,200.00	4,800.00
75KVA Transformer	8,300.00	8,300.00
Pump Panel	2,740.00	2,740.00
Airline	1,500.00	1,500.00
Misc. plumbing and electrical	1,500.00	1,500.00
Labor to install pump in well	5,500.00	5,500.00
Total for pump in well		109,277.00
The above prices do not include sales tax. If loss of circulation occurs due to fractures or caving formation, owner will be responsible for cost of cement and \$200.00 pr. hr. to install cement and drill back through.		
TOTAL		\$319,377.00